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making a deposit into said expenditure tracking account based on a percentage of the value of experiditures made by said consumer;

associating said expenditure tracking account with a financial investment account of said consumer;

redeeming said deposits from said expenditure tracking account; and transferring said redeemed deposits into said financial investment account.

The method of claim 24 wherein said step of making a deposit comprises the steps 25.

of:

registering at least one investment card of a consumer; making expenditures using said at least one investment card; identifying specific expenditures made using said at least one investment cards; calculating a reimbursement based on said expenditures; and redeeming said reimbursement for deposit on a monetary basis into said expenditure tracking account.

26. The method of claim 24 wherein said step of making a deposit comprises the steps

of:

tracking expenditures made by said consumer, identifying specific expenditures that are eligible for reimbursement; establishing a formula for calculating a reimbursement to be awarded to said consumer for making said identified specific expenditures;

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calculating said reimbursement according to said formula based on said tracked expenditures; and

depositing said calculated reimbursement into said expenditure tracking account wherein said reimbursement is redeemable on a monetary basis by the consumer for transfer into said financial investment account.

27. The method of claim 26 wherein said step of tracking expenditures comprises the steps of:

registering at least one investment card of a consumer; and making expenditures using said at least one investment cards.

- 28. The method of claim 24 wherein said step of making a deposit further comprises the step of depositing cash into said expenditure tracking account.
- 29. The method of claim 24 wherein said financial investment account is operated and maintained by an independent financial institution.
- 30. The method of claim 24 wherein said money transferred into said financial investment account is addrued on a tax deferred basis.